

## Samuel Hall Letters

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### Biographical Note:

Samuel Hall was born on June 1, 1797, in Somerset County, Maryland, to John A. and Elizabeth (Ward) Hall. In 1805, his family moved to Kentucky. In 1814, Samuel moved to Gibson County, Indiana. He studied law in his spare time and, in 1820, was admitted to the bar and opened a practice. On June 26, 1821, he married Elizabeth Prince, daughter of William Prince. In 1823, he was admitted to practice in the Indiana Supreme Court and the U.S. District Court.

Hall belonged to the Whig party. He was a member of the Indiana House of Representatives from 1829 to 1831 and again from 1845 to 1846. During his second term, he served as chairman of the judiciary committee. From 1832 to 1835, he was president judge of the 4th circuit. He then became a member of the State Board of Internal Improvements (1836-1837). Hall served as Indiana's Lieutenant Governor from 1840 to 1843 under Governor Samuel Bigger. His wife, Elizabeth, died on June 3, 1843.

On January 10, 1844, he married Sophia Augusta Ames with whom he had several children, including Horace Ames Hall. Hall was a delegate to the 1850 Indiana Constitutional Convention. In 1854, he ran for the U.S. House of Representatives, but was defeated. Hall was also a founder of the Princeton (Ind.) Female Academy (1838) and a member of the Indiana University Board of Visitors (1826-1827). He died on May 11, 1862.

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### Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains letters written by Samuel Hall to his son, Horace Ames Hall while he was attending school in Collinsville, Connecticut. There is also one letter to Horace from his older sister.

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#### **Item Listing:**

1860 July 3	Hall, Samuel to Horace Ames Hall, photocopy of ALS, 2 p.
1860 Aug. 6	Hall, Samuel to Horace Ames Hall, photocopy of ALS, 3 p.
1861 Jan. 6	Hall, Samuel to Horace Ames Hall, photocopy of ALS, 2 p.
1861 Mar. 18	Hall, Samuel to Horace Ames Hall, photocopy of ALS, 2 p.
1861 Apr. 26	Hall, Samuel to Horace Ames Hall, photocopy of ALS, 2 p.
1861 June 11	Hall, Samuel to Horace Ames Hall, photocopy of ALS, 2 p.
1861 Oct. 24	Hall, Samuel to Horace Ames Hall, photocopy of ALS
1862 Apr. 8	Hall, Samuel to Horace Ames Hall, photocopy of ALS, 2 p.
1862 Apr. 15	Hall, Samuel to Horace Ames Hall, photocopy of ALS, 2 p.
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